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EDITORS SHARE ISSUES COVERING WEEKEND PARTIES

Two editors discuss their experiences with peers while covering parties that violated university guidelines.

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'It's not Unofficial'



Students host weekend parties despite warnings not to

By Corryn Brock
News Editor | @DEN_News

"It's not Unofficial" was the slogan of the weekend as two house parties took place during the time when Charleston typically sees the annual event.

Approximately 75 students took part in the two parties, one on Fourth Street and the other Sixth Street. Many of those there were members of Eastern's Greek Life.

Some members of Interfraternity Council organizations Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon could be seen at the two parties that took place.

Reporters saw two individuals with masks.

Eastern's administration was expecting Unofficial to occur last weekend or March 18 to 20 and sent out a message to students preparing for the weekend.

"With the speculation of off-campus social events and warmer temperatures, we recognize the desire to gather together is strong. But here's the blunt reality of the situation ... COVID is absolutely still in our midst, and we must be mindful of it. We thank you for the action you have taken thus far to protect yourselves and our Panther family. We thank you for masking, social distancing, and maintaining small group sizes. We recognize that has

not been easy. We also urge you to please stay the course. Please continue to mask. Please continue to social distance. And please continue to limit group sizes in accordance with EIU guidelines. Together, we continue to Protect Our Panthers."

The message was signed by Anne Flaherty, Vice President for Student Affairs, Noor Ul Haash Khamisani, Student Body President, Jordan Arnold National Pan-Hellenic Council President, Karen Gonski, National Panhellenic Council President and Eric Hunter, Interfraternity Council President.

Currently, Greek Life is not allowed to host large social gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a message that has been given many times to the community from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programming.

In August 2020 a document was sent to all chapter presidents explaining how chapters should operate with the new guidelines the pandemic set in place. The document said those chapters who hosted social events could potentially face social suspension for the remainder of the academic term, a letter will be sent to chapter's National Headquarters/administration office or they may face suspension from the institution depending on severity of the event.

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Nearly 50 students can be seen outside of a house party Saturday afternoon. Reporters first saw two house parties forming around 11 a.m. that morning and as the day went on the size of the parties grew. Chief Chad Reed of the Charleston Police Department said that his department would have more officers than usual patrolling over the weekend because of the anticipated parties. Students at the party said it was not affiliated with the annual psuedoholiday Unofficial.

Women's History Month kicks off with EIUnity keynote

By Elizabeth Taylor
Associate News Editor | @DEN_News

The annual EIUnity Diversity Conference began on March 5 with a keynote address from Dr. Lori Patton Davis.

Davis has an extensive resume in academia including her current position as professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs at Ohio State University and her numerous published works on a wide range of topics.

She is best known for her work surrounding race and racism in higher education and Black women in social and educational contexts.

Davis titled her keynote address "Race Matters for Inclusive Excellence," and she said these topics are important to her because she wants to change conversations about race and racism from

being taboo to being recognized academic topics.

She said that conversations about race and racism are filtered into different "strands" and she chose some of those strands to speak about in her address.

One strand she spoke about was "Let's talk about race explicitly," which Davis said is usually an attempt to educate the individuals participating.

"In the end, participants leave thinking to themselves that they somehow, miraculously, with this one- to two-hour conversation, understand what racism is about," Davis said. "This strand of conversations is better than nothing at all, but it is problematic because while the goal is explicit to discuss race and racism, not much is ultimately accomplished with the exception of allowing participants to pat themselves on the

back."

Davis explained that this type of discussion is an issue because it often refocuses the center of the conversation to white people's perspective on race which can often mean that the issue gets ignored.

Another of those conversation strands focuses on race and racism's relation to whiteness and white supremacy.

"This more recent strand is about increasing and in some instances developing the critical consciousness of white people," Davis said. "There is now a larger discourse suggesting that the struggle to dismantle racism and racial struggles can't progress without the involvement of all people, the involvement of white people at all."

Davis said that this form of conversation meets the most resistance because it threatens the com-

fort of white people.

"These conversations often begin with good intentions that lead to few accomplishments and at times the biggest accomplishment can be that someone who wasn't aware can have some modicum of awareness," Davis said.

Other events include:

- Women in Leadership: How Representation Doesn't Always Translate to Inclusion & Power on March 8

- "Listening to the Ancestors: Ella Baker's Lessons for 21st Century Freedom Fighters" on March 8

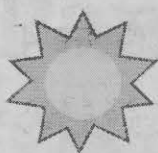
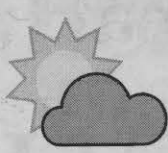
- Camille Campo Memorial Lecture on March 25

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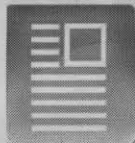
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Eastern alum, Charleston native named acting U.S. attorney for central Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A retired Army lieutenant colonel and top prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in central Illinois has been named acting U.S. attorney.

Douglas J. Quivey began work last week after the resignation in February of John Milhiser, who was appointed by former President Donald Trump.

Quivey was named first as-

sistant U.S. attorney for the 46-county central district in January 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he was assistant federal public defender for the district after nearly a decade in private practice.

In 2010, Quivey retired as a lieutenant colonel after 26 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve.

The Charleston, Illinois native earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Illinois Uni-

versity and a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law.

It's common for an incoming president to name new U.S. attorneys. But two central Illinois congressmen, Republicans Darin LaHood and Rodney Davis, asked President Joe Biden's administration to keep Milhiser on until his replacement was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Trump nominat-

ed the former Sangamon County state's attorney in the fall of 2018.

Trump's choice for U.S. attorney in northern Illinois, John Lausch, was also expected to step down. However, Lausch has the support of Illinois' two Democratic U.S. senators, Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. The White House announced last week that Lausch would remain in the post for the immediate future.

More infectious Brazilian variant of COVID-19 variant discovered in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The first case of the more infectious Brazil variant of COVID-19 in Illinois has been detected in a Chicago resident, public health officials say.

Northwestern University researchers found the so-called P.1 variant in a test sample from a Chicago resident who came down with the disease, city and state health officials

announced Friday. The infected person told contact tracers they hadn't recently traveled outside Illinois.

"We identified it through our research program following mutations in the virus over time in the Chicago area," said Dr. Egon Ozer, assistant professor of medicine in infectious diseases at Northwestern and a Northwestern Medicine physician.

The P.1 strain was first found in Brazilian travelers who arrived in Tokyo in early January. It appeared in Minnesota later that month and has since been identified in several other states.

The Chicago Department of Public Health "is working to identify close contacts of the individual to reinforce the importance of adherence

with quarantine and isolation measures," health officials said in a statement.

Evidence suggests that this variant can spread more easily than most currently circulating strains of COVID-19, health officials said.

COVID-19 variants from Great Britain and South Africa have previously been identified in Illinois.

Illinois reports 1,068 new COVID-19 cases, 14 new deaths Saturday night

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois public health officials on Sunday reported 1,068 new COVID-19 cases in the state, including 14 additional deaths.

The Illinois Department of Public

Health announced that within the past 24 hours, laboratories have conducted 68,094 coronavirus tests, resulting in a seven-day positivity rate of 2.3%.

There have been nearly 1.2 million COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

since the start of the pandemic, including 20,763 deaths.

State officials say nearly 3.4 million doses of vaccine have been administered in Illinois as of late Saturday.

The state of Illinois has launched a

\$10 million public awareness campaign to encourage members of the Black and Latino communities to be vaccinated. Both communities have been hard hit by COVID-19, but are lagging in vaccinations.

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“Chapters that host social events during this time will be held accountable for their actions through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs, along with the Office of Student Accountability and Support, and their National Headquarters/Office of Administration,” the document said.

Before the weekend, leaders in Greek Life were hopeful that there would not be partying over the weekend.

“Karen, (Nathan Wehr, Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs), and I have repeatedly asked IFC and PHC chapters not to host parties or and social events as we are in a pandemic. Our community knows that COVID-19 is a serious threat and we must protect ourselves by following COVID guidelines,” Hunter said. “Those who chose to partake in these social events will have consequences.”

Dr. Sheila Simons, Eastern’s lead COVID-19 investigator, shared concerns of the event being a super-spreader.

“There’s bound to be cases that come out of this, it’s just simply going to happen. How many cases I, of course, can’t make a prediction; whether the parties are inside, outside, all of these things are factors. How long are they there, what they’re doing, how close they are to people, there’s a lot of things that make it difficult to give an estimate on how much cases will increase by but with the situation as it is even if the parties are inside or outside, when you add alcohol you see a lot of behaviors that develop as a result of that because our inhibitions decrease so we’re more likely to do things we normally wouldn’t do,” Simons said. “That’s



(Top) Members of Sigma Nu stand on the porch outside of a house party Saturday morning. The men said their party was not associated with Unofficial and claimed the gathering was under 25 people despite reporters at the location seeing over 25 individuals at the home.

(Bottom) Students sit on the roof of a home on Sixth Street.

(Right) Students play bags at a party on Sixth Street Saturday morning.

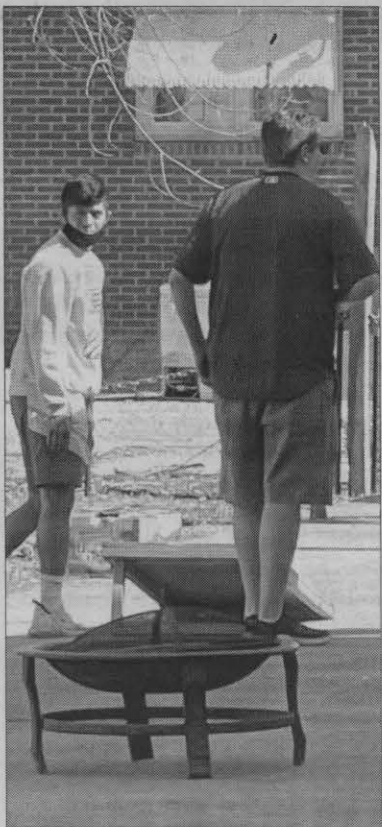
a concern, those behaviors, because for me and my team I could have a thousand contact tracers but the problem is we’re not changing individuals’ behaviors and until that happens, behavior change, we’re not going to see this go away any time soon, and of course the vaccine is helpful but it’s still a concern because of the amount of time it’s going to take to get it to the younger age group.”

Following the weekend event Flaherty said she does not comment of al-

leged conduct violations but encourages students to report any concerns they have with alleged conduct violations.

“I encourage any student who wishes to report a concern to do so at <https://cm.maxient.com/reporting-form.php?EasternIllinoisUniv>,” Flaherty said. “My hope is that all students and RSO’s follow university policies and engage in behaviors that will keep their fellow panthers safe.”

Wehr said he was unable to comment on alleged conduct violations but



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3 alumna making a difference

By Elizabeth Taylor and Corryn Brock

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Eastern has many alumna that have left their mark on history as well as the university.

These women now serve as examples for the women at Eastern following in their foot steps:

Yvette Moyo

Moyo, a 1974 graduate, founded Real Men Cook. The organization promotes the contributions of males to healthy families and communities.

Real Men Cook has had the involvement of high-profile men like former president Barack Obama.

Nancy Elwess

Elwess graduated in 1976 from Eastern has heavily researched the isolation and analysis of DNA from ancient Maya skeletons and the androgen receptor gene.

Elwess is also a recipient of the National Association of Biology Teachers college professor of the year award.

Karen Meyer

Meyer is a 1976 graduate as well, and has made her mark as a feature reporter for ABC 7 Chicago.

Meyer is also known for being a deaf reporter and for being named “One of the 100 Women Who Are Making a Difference in Chicago” twice.

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We are college journalists, not your enemy

We at *The Daily Eastern* are all students. We are all journalists. We are all many things, but above all else: we are not your enemy.

Ranging from freshman to seniors, photographers to reporters, to editors. We are all students looking to advance our skillsets so we are prepared for our future careers.

Our staff does a variety of things throughout the work day. Some weeks are boring and we can barely fill our pages with how little is happening around campus. Other weeks we are so busy we can barely find a moment to catch our breath.

But, it’s all a part of the job. Whether it’s a good or bad week we all signed up to work for this staff and to give our all to it.

This weekend was more difficult however, as three of our editors were faced with the opinions of our peers that we a little frustrating, but honestly more depressing than anything.

They met with the fact that many of our peers are completely oblivious to the work we do and what our purpose is, and

so we wanted to share with you our aims and purposes.

We are *The Daily Eastern News*.

We are the only daily print publication at a public university in Illinois and we take pride in the work that we do covering the events around this unveristy each and every day.

We follow a long line of journalists who have done amazing things in their careers here, as well as in their professional careers.

Our alumni also are a huge part of our production today. Tom, our pressman, works hard to print our paper everyday. Our business manager Betsy helps make sure we have the ability to keep working. And our adviser Lola guides us each day to be strong and independent journalists.

They’ve also been through everything we have at different points in time as student journalists.

Student journalists, especially those on our staff, are a million things but most importantly we are journalists, not your enemy.

COLUMN

Journalists are not trying to make you look good or bad

As journalists, getting yelled at while covering events has become an unfortunately predictable part of our job.

This weekend, we knew we would need strength in numbers as we got photos and observed the parties happening in a couple frat houses.

Contrary to the beliefs which were loudly expressed to us, we were not “trying to get them in trouble.”

The Daily Eastern News covers Unofficial in Charleston every year; when no one seemed sure whether the party would happen this year, we decided to just drive around and see what was going on.

Sure enough, we found the parties and decided to approach on foot to get some photos.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with communication law, permission isn’t necessary to take photos in a public space.

When we reached the party on Sixth Street, someone came out and respectfully asked us to stop taking photos. We refused but explained our purpose for being there and he returned to the party.

As we approached the party on Fourth Street, a few people saw us taking photos and many of the partiers went inside

the house.

Several did stay outside on the patio and repeatedly asked us why we were there and what we were doing, but they either didn’t understand our responses or were too intoxicated to process the situation.

We left for a few hours to do other work, and then visited the same two parties to see if attendance had increased; it definitely had.

On Sixth Street, people seemed to remember us and didn’t approach or say anything, but the Fourth Street party was a different story.

Again, many of the partygoers ran inside, and a few even ran away, but this time we were approached by around 10 different guys in a fluctuating group.

This is when the situation escalated to the partiers yelling at us. We tried to explain that we were just there as journalists, we weren’t trying to frame anybody in a bad light, but we heard claims that the “mainstream media” had attacked the group before and that we needed their consent to take photos.

As stated earlier, that simply isn’t the case.

We were also targeted by many per-

sonal attacks, including criticism of our career choice, our decision to not attend the party, our appearances, and our... overall vibe?

Neither of us expected “loser” to be used as an insult in college. That was pretty cheesy.

Admittedly, neither of our feelings were particularly hurt by drunk students yelling at us. The danger of catching COVID-19 was a much bigger concern as we did not see a single person at either party wearing a mask.

Still, this is indicative of both the disrespect that many Americans have toward journalism and the lack of education about free speech rights covered by the First Amendment.

We understand that the people at these parties don’t want to get in trouble, but we’re in college. We’re old enough to receive consequences like adults.

If you made the choice to put lives at risk and break rules, it isn’t journalists’ fault for reporting on what you did.

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Panthers get 1st win in double overtime

By Adam Tumino
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It took two overtime periods, but the Eastern women's soccer team picked up its first win of the season Friday afternoon against Morehead State, beating the Eagles 1-0.

With a sliding kick in the 105th minute, senior forward Haylee Renick poked the ball past Morehead State goalkeeper Michelle Jerantowski, ending the match and sending the Panthers' record to 1-1 on the season. Itxaso recorded the assist coming off a corner kick.

It was the first win for the Panthers since their victory in the opening round of the OVC Tournament on Nov. 1, 2019, and their first home victory since Oct. 6 of that year.

Eastern head coach Jake Plant, now in his third season as head coach, said that the first win is always a big one to get.

"Getting the first win is important for the team just in general," Plant said. "In terms of the performance, I asked the girls to adjust some things from Tuesday's loss and they did it well, and personally I thought why we had a lot of dominance in the game. So I'm proud of the girls for applying what we asked them to do."

Although it was a returning player in Renick, who was the team's second leading scorer last season, that netted the game-winner Friday, the Panthers continued to mix in a lot of new faces early in the

season.

For the second-straight match, a majority of the players that saw the field for Eastern are in their first season with the program, being either transfers or freshmen.

Plant said that their transition into the program has been smooth so far, possibly aided by the extended offseason caused by COVID-19.

"When you add 14 new players, it could be a disaster. It just hasn't been," he said. "The reason being is because the 10 freshmen that have come in have been open ears, learning quick, applying. And the transfers have some really nice experience coming in. I just think that they've done a great job applying what we want. They're open, they want to win, they want to learn. So that makes the whole process easier, for sure."

Although not a new player, Eastern goalkeeper and redshirt-sophomore Daniela Bermeo has taken over as the starter in the net this season, taking over for 2019 OVC Defensive Player of the Year and Eastern's all-time leader in saves Sara Teteak.

Through two matches, Bermeo has made 11 saves and allowed just one goal. She had 3 saves Friday and picked up her first career shut-out.

"I think that Daniela has sort of sat behind Teteak for a couple years and bided her time," Plant said. "When it comes to goalkeepers its always tough, because we don't rotate keepers in the game, so when somebody stays ready for when



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Eastern sophomore forward Nicoletta Anuci dribbles the ball up the sideline in Eastern's match against Morehead State March 5. Anuci had 2 shots in the match, which Eastern won 1-0 in double overtime.

they get their moment and they take it, that's all we can ask. She's done that really well."

In addition to her goal, Renick added another shot in the match. Sophomore Zenaya Barnes and Nicoletta Anuci both recorded 2 shots

in the match as well, with one shot being on goal for each player.

As a team, Eastern had 10 shots, six of which were on goal. Morehead shot the ball 13 times, four of which were on goal.

Eastern's next match is sched-

uled for March 9 against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. It will be the second-straight home contest for Eastern and it will start at 2 p.m.

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Men's soccer team ties 2-2 with Kansas City



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The Eastern men's soccer team celebrates a goal from forward Maxwell Allen (15) in the Panthers' 2-2 tie against Kansas City March 6.

By Adam Tumino
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The Eastern men's soccer team picked up its second tie of the season Saturday against Kansas City with the match ending with a score of 2-2.

Eastern is now 0-3-2 in Summit League play and the Roos are 2-1-1.

It was the second home match of the season for Eastern and also marked the halfway point for the conference season.

Eastern's offense recorded 14 shots, 11 of which came after halftime. Kansas City also recorded 11 shots after halftime after getting off seven in the first half.

Eastern goalkeeper Jonathan Burke continued his busy start to the season, recording 8 saves to increase his conference-leading total

to 37 saves this season.

Burke also ranks second in the conference in save percentage at .804.

He was unable to stop a shot from Kansas City's Jony Muñoz in the 20th minute that put the Roos up 1-0.

The Panthers would tie the score 12 minutes later when senior forward Shady Omar headed in a goal off a corner kick for his second goal of the season, tying him for the team lead with redshirt-junior forward Reed Axthelm.

The assist on Omar's goal came from redshirt-sophomore Munir Sherali, his first of the season.

The score remained 1-1 for the remainder of the first half and well into second before Eastern claimed a brief lead.

Sophomore forward Maxwell Al-

len netted his first goal of the season in the 67th minute to put the Panthers 2-1.

The lead disappeared almost immediately. After the Roos took possession after Allen's goal, the advanced right down the field and Muñoz got another shot behind Burke for his second goal of the match.

The two teams combined for 9 shots in the overtime periods, but despite a few close calls, neither team was able to pick up the win.

Eastern will be back on the road for their next two matches on Thursday and Saturday against Omaha.

Omaha is 3-1 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

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Football team falls to 0-2 with loss to Skyhawks

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The Eastern football team had several chances in the fourth quarter to cut into to Tennessee-Martin's lead, but the Panthers were unable to capitalize on them Sunday afternoon in a 28-15 loss the Skyhawks.

The Panthers outscored the Skyhawks 8-0 in the fourth quarter and gained 181 yards of offense while holding their opponent to just 49.

But Eastern's late drives stalled out and they fell to 0-2 on the season.

All three of Eastern's drives in that started in the fourth quarter ended

with the Panthers turning the ball over on downs.

The first such drive began with freshman DeAirious Smith blocking a punt for a safety with about 12 minutes remaining in the game, giving the Panthers 2 points and possession.

Their drive lasted just 5 plays and covered 29 yards before a failed fourth-down conversion handed the ball back to Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern would get another chance on the ensuing Tennessee-Martin possession when a pass from the Skyhawk's quarterback John Backus was deflected high into the air, landing in the arms of Eastern safety Raymond

Crittenden.

The Eastern offense was not able to punish the Skyhawks for the turnover, once again stalling and turning it over on downs.

The Panthers would get one more chance on offense 2:22 left in the game after the defense made another big play, stopping the Skyhawks on a fourth-down play that would have all but sealed the game.

This time Eastern was able to put more of a drive together, covering 68 yards on 11 plays, getting down to the Skyhawk's 8-yard line.

Another fourth-down failure gave the ball back to Tennessee-Martin, al-

lowing the Skyhawks to run down the final 42 seconds.

Eastern quarterback Harry Woodbery bounced back a bit after struggling in the Panthers' opener last weekend.

He was 26-for-49 passing for 279 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also threw an interception, which was returned for a Skyhawks' touchdown.

Redshirt-freshman wide receiver Matt Judd, who had 112 kick return yards in the opener, made an impact on special teams and offense. He had 98 return yards on 3 attempts, including a long of 53 yards, and caught 5 passes for 73 yards and a touchdown.

The Eastern defense had a strong showing as well, holding the Skyhawks to 326 total yards. In addition to Crittenden's interception, they also forced three fumbles and recovered one.

Sophomore linebackers Jason Johnson and Anthony Shockey led the team with 8 tackles each while senior defensive lineman Dytarius Johnson recorded 3 tackles and forced a fumble in his first game of the season.

The Panthers will be on the road again for their next game March 14 when they play Tennessee State.

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